

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Anthony J. Baerlocher  
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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING A GAMING DEVICE  
AWARD  
Art Unit: 3714  
Examiner: Ross A. Williams  
Docket No.: 0112300-1403

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

Please enter this response in the above-identified patent application.

**REMARKS**

This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on June 7, 2007. No fees are due with this Response. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-1818 for any insufficiency.

In the Office Action, the Examiner issued a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121, which required applicant to elect one of the following:

- I. Claims 1-13, drawn to chance type bonus game that eliminate groups or divisions of symbols that are not selected by a player, classified in class 463, subclass 16.
- II. Claims 14-49, drawn to a game that selectively decreases the amount of symbols in a division without reveling or displaying to the player which symbols are sorted or assigned to each division classified in class 463, subclass 30.

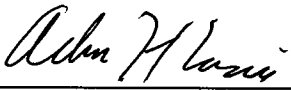
In response, Applicant hereby makes the following election without traverse:

Applicant hereby elects Group II, Claims 14-49.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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